

# Welfare Reform Benefits Changes Latest Timeline

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## April 2013

1. Removal of Spare Room Subsidy (also known as "Bedroom Tax") - reduction in housing benefits for under-occupying social housing tenants
2. Council Tax Reduction Scheme – the Council Tax Benefit is scrapped and replaced by a local scheme but with a reduction in funding by UK Central Government. In Wales it is a national scheme and the shortfall in funding has been absorbed by Welsh Government for the year 2013/2014
3. Discretionary Assistance Fund replaces the Social Fund – in Wales is an all-Wales scheme and provided by Northgate Public Services commissioned by the Welsh Government.
4. Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates are up-rated by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

## June 2013

1. Personal Independence Payment (PIP) replaces the Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

## July 2013

1. Introduction of the Benefit Cap

## October 2013

1. Introduction of Universal Credit (complete roll-out to 2017)

## October 2014

1. Modified Pension Credit